

H. A.

SECTOR / \$



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	
DONALD BRUCE HUBBARD et al.	:	Group Art Unit: 2166
Serial No. 09/766,550	:	Examiner: Not Assigned
Filed: January 19, 2001	:	Attorney Docket No. 285277-00016
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	:	
MANAGING RENTALS FROM A	:	
RENTAL SERVICE PROVIDER	:	

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

600 Grant Street, 44th Floor  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219  
April 19, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
BOX MISSING PARTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

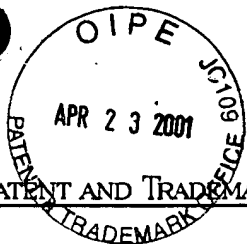
In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Non-Provisional Application, mailed March 2, 2001, enclosed for filing in the above-captioned application are an original executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, a Transmittal Form, a Fee Transmittal and duplicate copy thereof, and a copy of said Notice.

Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration during prosecution of the subject Application.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk D. Houser  
Registration No. 37,357  
Attorney for Applicants

(412) 566-6083



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/766,550	01/19/2001	Don Hubbard	285277-00016

CONFIRMATION NO. 9920

## FORMALITIES LETTER



\*OC000000005820863\*

Kirk D. Houser  
Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC  
44th Floor  
600 Grant St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Date Mailed: 03/02/2001

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$504.
  - \$504 for 28 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1344.

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

*Request wbl/loyes*

Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

04/25/2001 JADD01 00000057 09766550  
01 FC:101 710.00 OP  
02 FC:103 504.00 OP  
03 FC:105 130.00 OP



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/21 (6-98)  
Approved for use through 09/30/2000. OMB 0651-0031  
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

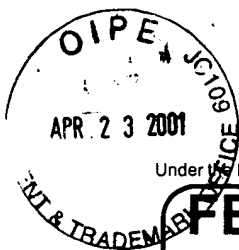
<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	<b>Application Number</b>	09/766,550	
	<b>Filing Date</b>	January 19, 2001	
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	DONALD BRUCE HUBBARD	
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	2166	
	<b>Examiner Name</b>		
<b>Total Number of Pages in This Submission</b>	9	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	285277-00016

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (2X) <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	Transmittal letter; Executed Declaration (2pp.); a Copy of Notice; and Return Postcard.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<b>Remarks</b>		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Kirk D. Houser, Reg. No. 37,357
Signature	
Date	April 19, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date: 4/19/01	
Typed or printed name	Cathy Roeder
Signature	
Date	April 19, 2001

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/17 (6/99)  
Approved for use through 09/30/2000. OMB 0651-0032  
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 1999

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.  
Small Entity payments must be supported by a small entity statement,  
otherwise large entity fees must be paid. See Forms PTO/SB/09-12.  
See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ ) 1,344.00

## Complete if Known

Application Number	09/766,550
Filing Date	January 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Donald Bruce Hubbard
Examiner Name	
Group / Art Unit	2166
Attorney Docket No.	285277-00016

## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

Deposit Account Number 02-2556

Deposit Account Name Eckert Seamans

☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required  
Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:  
☒ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 760	201 380	Utility filing fee	710.00
106 310	206 155	Design filing fee	
107 480	207 240	Plant filing fee	
108 760	208 380	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ ) 710.00

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
48	-20** = 28	X 18.00	= 504.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3** = 0	X	= 0.00
Multiple Dependent			

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 78	202 39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 260	204 130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 78	209 39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ ) 504.00

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130.00
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 380	216 190	Extension for reply within second month	
117 870	217 435	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,360	218 680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,850	228 925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 300	219 150	Notice of Appeal	
120 300	220 150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 260	221 130	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,210	241 605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,210	242 605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 430	243 215	Design issue fee	
144 580	244 290	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240	126 240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 760	246 380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 760	249 380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
Other fee (specify) _____			
Other fee (specify) _____			

\* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ ) 130.00

## SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type)	Kirk D. Houser	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	37,357	Telephone	(412) 566.6083
Signature		Date	4/19/2001		

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.